

Know that one of the principles agreed upon by the Salaf and their Imams is to have faith in Allah and His Attributes, and in the rules determining how they are to be received. So, for example, they believe that he is Rahman and Rahim, possessing the quality of mercy which is extended to its recipients. Therefore, all blessings are one of the resultant effects of this mercy. This principle holds true for all of His Names. It is said concerning the Name, All-Knowing: He is All-Knowing, possessing the quality of knowledge by which He knows everything. He is All-Powerful, possessing the quality of power which makes Him omnipotent etc.

واعلم أن من القواعد المتفق عليها بين سلف الأمة وأئمتها، الإيمان بأسماء الله وصفاته، وأحكام الصفات

فيؤمنون مثلاً بأنه رحمن رحيم، ذو الرحمة التي تصف بها، المتعلقة بالمرحوم. فالنعم كلها، أثر من آثار

رحمته، وهكذا في سائر الأسماء. يقال في العليم: إنه عليم ذو علم، يعلم [به] كل شيء، قدير، ذو قدرة يقدر

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